## Brezhnev Party Stepup Expected

MOSCOW, Oct. 15 (AP) the Communist Party's Cen-| Brezhnev was sent back to | first deputy chief of the main The new Soviet Communist tral Committee. Party chief, Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev, a Party member and a square jaw, Brezhnev for 33 of his 57 years, has been heir-apparent to just-resigned Soviet Party leader, mind and a friendly but re-Nikita S. Khrushchev, for at least the last three years.

his last previous step for lurgist. He has the tough ward July 15, when he relin. look of a Western steel engiquished his figurehead role as neer turned corporation man-President of the Soviet Union to concentrate on work in the Communist Party, the real source of power in Mos-

Khrushchev said then that Brezhnev was needed for full-

With black, piercing eyes served manner.

A steelworker as a youth, The stocky Ukrainian made he later became a metalager.

Brezhnev has been associated with Khrushchev's career since 1938 in the Soviet Union's Ukrainian region. He was born in December, 1906. in Kamenskoye, now Dneprodtime work as a secretary of zerzhinsk. He and Khrushchev came up in the Ukraine as faithful Party workers.

In 1927, Brezhnev graduated from an agricultural institute in Kursk, and in 1931 he was admitted to membership in the Communist Party. He is one of the post-Bolshevik, postrevolution Communists among whom technological knowledge was more important than revolutionary fervor.

Brezhnev was posted to the Urals area as a specialist in land use, and there rose to the head of the oblast (area) land department. He left the Urals to study metallurgy in his home town, graduating from the metallurgical institute there in 1935. He became a Party functionary in the Ukraine and then an armed forces political commissar, serving as with the 18th Army in World War II.

By 1943, he had risen to the rank of major general and still was engaged in directing the work of political commissars whose job was to check up on the regular army officers.

When the war ended. tinued his move upward in of Defense-political commithe Party. At the 19th Soviet Party Congress in Moscow in 1952, he became an alternate member of the enlarged Politburo, thenceforth known as the Presidium. It was the power center of the whole Soviet structure.

When Stalin died in 1953, job as first Communist Party Republic, acquired from Rumania during the war. But by He turned up in the role of Central Committee job.

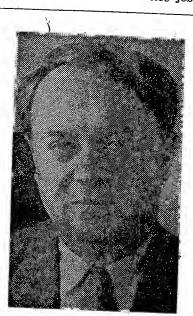
the Ukraine, where he con-political board in the Ministry sar of the armed forces.

As Khrushchev rose to power, the new leader seemed to lean heavily on Brezhnev. The Ukrainian was sent to Kazakhstan, head of Khrushchev's "virgin lands" agricultural experiments, as secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1956, at the time of the 20th Party Congress, Brezhnev Brezhnev was fired from his returned to the ruling Party presidium as a candidate memsecretary of the Moldavian ber. He also was placed on the powerful secretariat of the Central Committee. He became a full member of the the time other Soviet leaders Party Presidium and when arranged the arrest and ex-Khrushchev later ousted Kletinction of Lavrenty Beria, menti Voroshilov, Brezhnev Stalin's secret police chief, took over as President, two Brezhnev had bounced back years later surrendering his



LEONID BREZHNEV ... heads Party



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Brezhnev is married and has a teen-age daughter, Galina.